
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
HIV PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE (PPC)
A Select Committee of the Commission on HIV Health Services
600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 6th Floor•Los Angeles CA 90005-4001

MEETING SUMMARY
Thursday July 15, 2003
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Child Support Services – Training Room
5500 S. Eastern Avenue-Los Angeles, CA

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mario Perez	Chi-Wai Au
Dean Goishi	Sergio Avina*
Jeff Bailey*	Diane Brown
Gordon Bunch	Cesar Cadabes
Edward Clarke	Mark Etzel
David Giugni	Edric Mendia*
Keisha Paxton	Ricki Rosales
Vanessa Talamantes	Kathy Watt
David Zucker	

ABSENT

Richard Browne
Tony Bustamante
Kelly Gilmore
Shawn Griffin
Veronica Morales
Vicki Ortega
Efrain Reyes
Gail Sanabria
Richard Zaldivar
Rodolfo Zamudio

* denotes present at one (1) of the roll calls

STAFF PRESENT

Elizabeth Escobedo	Gabriel Rodriguez	Darren Roberts	Chere Holloy
Rene Seidel	Cheryl Williams	Tracey Williams	Gwendolyn Thompson
Angelica Solis	Pamela Ogata	Rafeeq Rahim	Anne Soto
Juli-Ann Carlos			

I. ROLL CALL - Roll call was conducted. A quorum was present.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the following amendments:

- Extend time from 30 minutes to 60 minutes for Agenda Item # V (Joint PPC/CHHS Presentation)
- Eliminate agenda Item # VII (Co-Chairs Report)

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

The meeting summary of the June 26, 2003 meeting was approved with the following stipulation:

- The discussion on the issues for June 26, 2003 Meeting – Agenda Item VI (PPC Member Assignments for Addendum Topics) is to be typed up for use to develop plan at a later date [the discussion/issues were listed on butcher paper].

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tiffany Horton announced 2 employment opportunities.

Dean Goishi introduced Dr. Mitchell Cohen, consultant, with the agency titled “Partnership For Community Health” assigned to work on the “Needs Assessment”. Dr. Cohen’s web site is: www.pchealth.org. Dr. Cohen’s group has written a comprehensive “Needs Assessment” on the Care side.

Dean Goishi introduced James Stewart, consultant, hired by OAPP as a Parliamentarian to work with all of the committees.

V. JOINT PPC/CHHS PRESENTATION

Based on a recommendation from the Strategic Planning process, the purpose of this agenda item is to discuss and consider the motion to join the PPC and CHHS as one governing body in Los Angeles County responsible for the planning and evaluating HIV prevention and care and treatment services.

MOTION 1A: *To endorse the concept of a single planning body in Los Angeles County responsible for planning and evaluating HIV prevention and care and treatment services.*

MOTION 1B: *To reject the concept of a single planning body in Los Angeles County in favor of a local HIV planning structure comprising two independent and equal planning bodies: one focused on prevention and the other on care and treatment services.*

Diane Burbie facilitated the discussion portion. The purpose of the discussion of the motion is:

1. To establish solid basis for decision making/voting
2. To meet information needs (no question is off limits, there are no inappropriate issues)
3. To articulate thoughts as members of the PPC (where to voting members stand on the issue)

Rules of Engagement/Things to Keep in Mind while Discussing Issue

1. Allow people to complete their thoughts and listen before responding
2. Ask clarifying questions
3. State your opinion
4. Focus on the concept (one governing body) not the mechanics of how it will work
5. Express your stand on the issue or raise a question on the issue

Options available: **accept** the motion, **reject** the motion or **offer adjustments/amendments** to the motion.

If one body accepts the motion and the other body refuses the motion, the two (2) bodies convene to determine the issue(s) that arose from the discussion(s) to determine:

- Where are the points of divide?
- Is there an alternative recommendation to take back to the two (2) separate planning bodies?

There was a lengthy discussion on the motions, some of the key concerns/issues/suggestions were:

- There is a history of competition between the prevention and care and treatment components
- Can one body undertake care and prevention issues in a population the size of Los Angeles County?
- Ongoing problem ensuring equal power to: care/treatment and prevention
- Will there be adequate representation for both components and will there be equal sharing of power (care/treatment and prevention)?
- Will the emphasis be focused equally on capturing, gathering and reporting data equally? Two major funders – Ryan White (care/treatment) and CDC (prevention).
- It was suggested that the two (2) bodies remain separate and meet quarterly as one joint body.

An motion was placed on the floor to amend Motion 1A to reflect wording of the amended motion that the CHHS approved on July 10, 2003. *The amendment to Motion 1A reads, “To endorse the concept of a single planning body in Los Angeles County responsible for putting equal weight to planning and evaluating HIV prevention and care and treatment services”.* A roll call vote was taken: **10 No, 6 Yes and 3 Abstentions**. The amendment to motion 1A does not pass.

A roll call vote was taken on Motion 1A - *To endorse the concept of a single planning body in Los Angeles County responsible for planning and evaluating HIV prevention and care and treatment services.* The results of the Roll Call vote was **18 No and 1 Abstention**. Motion 1A does not pass.

An approved motion was placed on the floor to amend Motion 1B to read, *“To reject the concept of a single planning body in Los Angeles County in favor of a local HIV planning structure comprising two independent and equal planning bodies: one focused on prevention and the other on care and treatment services with a structural mechanism established to ensure collaboration between the bodies”.* A roll call vote was taken: **17 Yes and 1 Abstention**. The amendment to motion 1B passes.

A roll call vote was taken on the amended version of Motion 1B - *“To reject the concept of a single planning body in Los Angeles County in favor of a local HIV planning structure comprising two independent and equal planning bodies: one focused on prevention and the other on care and treatment services with a structural mechanism established to ensure collaboration between the bodies”*. A roll call vote was taken: **17 Yes and 1 Abstention**. The amended version of Motion 1B passes.

VI. NEW CDC INITIATIVES OVERVIEW

Mario Perez presented an overview of the new CDC initiatives, “Advancing HIV Prevention: New Strategies for a Changing Epidemic”. The presentation outlined the 5 questions:

- What is the new initiative?
- Why a new initiative?
- What are the strategies?
- How will Los Angeles County implement it?
- How does it impact/change of Angeles County’s work in HIV prevention?

The goal of the new initiative is to reduce HIV transmission by:

1. Encouraging people to learn their HIV status
2. Provide referrals to care, treatment and prevention services
3. Provide prevention services

The strategies of the Initiative are:

1. make voluntary HIV testing a routine part of medical care
2. implement new models for diagnosing HIV infections outside medical settings
3. prevent new infections by working with persons diagnosed with HIV and their partners
4. further decrease perinatal HIV transmission

The implementation of AHP (Advanced HIV Prevention) will consist of:

- interim guidance
- Demonstration Projects
 - Counseling and Testing
 - PCM (Prevention Case Management)
 - PCRS (Partner Counseling and Referral Services)
 - Prevention in Care Settings
- Research Projects on Rapid Testing
- Development of Procedures and Guidance
- Provide Training and Technical Assistance
- Evaluation/Monitoring/Surveys
- Implement New Software System

The impact and outcome of the AHP Initiative is:

1. Expand the efforts to help people living with HIV learn their status
2. Expand CDC’s efforts focusing on prevention programs for people living with HIV
3. Ensure every person with HIV infection has the opportunity to get tested, have access to state of the art medical care and ongoing prevention services to prevent transmission to partners.

Los Angeles County has 5% of the national disease infection. There are 17,000+ cases of AIDS and/or HIV+ living in Los Angeles County.

The National AIDS rate has decreased over the last few years. The CDC is expected to replace existing programs within the next 9 months or so. Currently, the CDC funds twelve (12) agencies for fifteen (15) programs.

A copy of the presentation is on file and available for review.

VII. CO-CHAIRS REPORT

Based on motion to modify agenda, this item is postponed to a future meeting.

VIII. BREAK

IX. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Prevention Plan (Ad Hoc)** – **Diane Brown** reported Royce Sciortino has accepted the position of Community Co-Chair for the committee. The committee is working with a consultant, Angelica Solis, on the Addendum.
- **Youth Leadership** – **Sergio Avina** reported the deadline for nominations for the HIV Youth Award has been extended to October 14, 2003. A copy of the letter announcing the recognition award and criteria for nomination along with the HIV Youth Award Nomination Form 2003 was distributed.
- **CHHS** – **Edric Mendia** reported the commission voted on the joint PPC/CHHS motion.
- **Joint Public Policy** – **Mark Etzel** reported the committee has met and has formed three (3) work groups.

X. STD UPDATE

Reports indicate that early syphilis cases for the year 2003 surpassed year to date the number for the year 2002. The trends are basically the same. The numbers are higher in SPA 4 and the Hollywood/Wilshire health district. Information regarding the rise in reported cases of syphilis can be viewed on the web site. The web site: www.lapulichealth.org/STD.

XI. GOVERNMENTAL CO-CHAIRS REPORT

- **Dean Goishi** reported the deadline is August 7, 2003 for the three (3) RFPs for Demonstration Projects newly released by the CDC:
 1. Health Departments,
 2. Community Based Organizations (CBO) [75% people of color requirement] RFP# 2003N00895 – HIV Prevention,
 3. Medical Care Clinics (requirement 300+ HIV positive patients to qualify) RFP# 2003N00897RFP and questions are available on the web site: www.fedbizopps.gov.
- **Dean Goishi** reported the CDC HIV Prevention Community Planning Guidance document is out and will be distributed. Application due date to CDC is October 6, 2003. Our deadlines are August 17, 2003 for the DRAFT and August 18, 2003 for the FINAL narrative.
- **HIV/STD Sub-Group** formed by DHS reported there was a 91% participation rate in the CRAS (Countywide Risk Assessment Survey).

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- As the result of a decision at the Executive Sub-Committee, **Mario Perez** announced the interview process for new PPC applicants has changed. The Committee will perform group interviews in lieu of reviewing potential applicants on paper only.
- **Jeff Bailey** announced the United States Conference on AIDS (USCA) is scheduled for September 18-21, 2003 in New Orleans. Persons interested in attending should forward name, organization representing and abstract to Dean Goishi no later than July 16, 2003.
- **Happy Birthday** to Mario Perez.

XIII. CLOSING ROLL CALL

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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